

**New Mexico - (Clayton Field Office)**  
**FY 2006 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET - RANGELAND**

Select One:    Range Improvements \_\_\_\_    Brush Management \_\_\_\_    Both \_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Farm # \_\_\_\_\_ Tract # \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field #s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_\_

A minimum of 50 points must be garnished in order to be considered for funding

**1. Condition - (Total Maximum Points 60)**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	60	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	50	
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	40	
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	30	
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	20	
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	10	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	____ + ____ + ____ =	%	0	
<b>Riparian:</b>	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60
<b>Grazed Forest:</b>	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	60
					<b>Total:</b>	

**2. Conservation Practices - (Total Maximum Points 280)**

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
<b>Soil (Erosion), Water (Quality, Quantity), Air (N/A), Plants (Health), Animals (Habitat)</b>			
<b>Resource Concerns 1) Soil- Erosion, both Sheet and Rill, both Wind and Water, 2) Water- Quality and Quantity, 3) Plants- Includes Community, Productivity, Health and Vigor, as well as Invasive Plants, 4) Animals- Inadequate Forage Quantities as well as Qualities, Inadequate Stock Water as well as inadequate forage accessibilities.</b>			
<u><b>Soil (Addendum)</b></u>			
Critical Area Planting (342)	10		
Diversion (362)	10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	10		
<u><b>Water (Range Improvement)</b></u>			
Pond (378)	20		
Spring Development (574)	20		
<u><b>Air</b></u>	0		
<u><b>Plant (Brush Management)</b></u>			
Brush Management (314)	20		
Fence (382)	20		
Range Planting (550)	20		
<u><b>Animal (Range Improvement)</b></u>			
Animal Trail Walkway (575)	20		
Pipeline (516)	20		
Pumping Plant (533)	20		
Troughs (614)	20		
Wells (642)	20		

## 2. Conservation Practices - cont'd

Brush Management					
Level of infestation	% Area Needing Treatment	% Area to be Treated in Contract	Potential Points		Points - After
Light			20		
Medium			40		
Heavy			60		
Extra Heavy			80		
Note: Multiply % Area Needing Treatment by % Area Treated in Contract by Points to get After for each Level of infestation					
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>			<b>Total:</b>		

## 3. Other Considerations - (Total Maximum Points 20)

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	<b>Potential Points</b>		<b>Points - After</b>
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	N/A		
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A		
E. Proposed contract area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	5		
F. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract.	5		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		
<b>Grand Total:</b>			
Designated Conservationist _____		Date _____	